(ग) जी, नहीं। चूंकि औषध नीति, 1986 और डी.पी.सी.ओ., 1987 विद्यमान हैं, अत: किसी कपनी द्वारा लाभ उठाने का प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता।

Implementation of Kudraimozhi Project

122. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government have taken to implement the new project at Kudiraimozhi in Tamil Nadu by the Indian Rare Earths Limited;

(b) whether the pre-feasibility reports were approved by Government of India;

(c) whether the mine plan was approved by the Atomic Minerals Division; and

(d) what are the reasons for the delay in implementation of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) A source of Ilmenite has been identified at Kudiraimozhi in Tamil Nadu by Atomic Minerals Division. It could be a possible area for mining in the future.

(b) & (c) The possibility of starting a mining operation in association with Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation (TIDCO) alongwith Indian Rare Earth Ltd. is under consideration.

(d) World market for Ilmenite is depressed at present. There are enough stocks of Ilmenite in Kerala and Orissa. Unless the economic feasibility is well proven, it is not prudent to start the mining operations.

Production of Uranium Five Year Plan

123. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to drastic cut in the production of Uranium the country's progress in the nuclear field is likely to suffer during the Eighth Plan period;

(b) whether Government have also contemplated any concrete steps to boost the production of Uranium in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) The production of Uranium and stocks in hand are sufficient to meet the requirements of Uranium for the planned nuclear power programme for the next 10 years.

(b) and (c) The Government is continuing its efforts in exploration and identification of new sources of uranium for economic recovery. A new source has been identified at Domiasiat in Meghalaya and exploratory mining is being done to establish commercial viability of this source.

Generation of atomic energy during Fifth Five Year Plan

124. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:

SHRI SURENDER SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total energy generation by means of atomic energy during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) what is the difference in generation cost in atomic energy, hydel and thermal power generation;

(c) how many atomic power reactors are proposed to be established with Soviet collaboration; and